

The mainland of India extends between latitudes 8 4' and 37 6' north and longitudes 68 7' and 97 25' east. India is a country surrounded by water from three sides and the forth side is land. In the Western side it approaches Arabian Sea, in eastern side to the Bay of Bengal and in the south to Indian Ocean. China, Bhutan & Nepal are India's neighbour in the northeast and Pakistan & Afghanistan in the northwest. Sri Lanka is located just the south of India. In the east India is accompanied by Myanmar & Bangladesh.

FACTS & FIGURES

Area 3,287,263 Sq.Km. Capital Delhi India' Measure 3,214 km from north to south 2,933 km east to west. Land Frontier 15,200 km. Coast Line 7,516.5 km. Population(2001) 1,028,610,328 Density Of Population(2001) 324 (Persons per sq. km.) Time 5 1/2 hours ahead of GMT Currancy Rupee (Rs) Devided into 100 Paise (p) Literacy National Average(2001) 64.8% Literacy Male (2001) 75.2% Literacy Female (2001) 53.6% Female Male Ratio (2001) 927 Female for 1000 males. Rural Population (1991) 76.70% Urban Population (1991) 23.30%

Birth Rate (Per ' 000) 32.50%

Death Rate (Per '000) 11.4

Child Mortality For a Thousand Birth 142

Life Expectancy 67 Years National Income Rs.10,44,915 crores (At current prices) Max. Income per head Rs.10,254 Largest city (2001) Mumbai Religion Hindus 82%, Muslim 11%, Others Christains, Sikhs, buddhists and jains 7%. Languages Official Languages Hindi, English Schedualed Languages 1.Assamese 2.Bengali 3.Gujarati 4.Hindi 5.Kannada 6.Kashmiri 7.Konkani 8.Malayalam 9.Marathi 10. Manipuri 11.Oriya 12.Punjabi 13.Sanskrit 14.Tamil 15.Telugu 16.Urdu Total Road Length(31st March 1994) 33,00,000 kms. (Both Surfaced And Unsurfaced Roads) Total Number Of Railway Station 6,856 Total Route Length Of Railways (2002) 63,140 km. Total Number of Towns 5,161 Total Number of Villages 6,38,589 **Educational Institutions** Primary(' 000) 610 Middle(' 000) 185 High./Higher Sec.(' 000) 107

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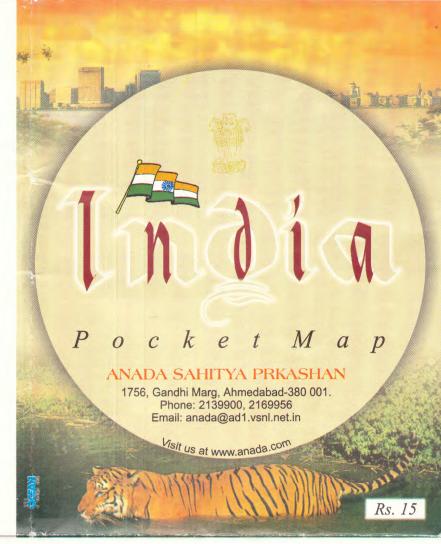
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FACTS & FIGURES

Sr. No.	State	Capital	Population 2001
01	Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad	7,62,10,007
02	Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	10,97,968
03	Assam	Dispur	2,66,55,528
04	Bihar	Patna	8,29,98,509
05	Chhattisgarh	Raipur	2,08,33,803
06	Goa	Panaji	13,47,668
07	Gujarat	Gandhinagar	5,06,71,017
08	Haryana	Chandigarh	2,11,44,564
09	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	60,77,900
10	Jammu & Kashmir	Srinagar	1,01,43,700
11	Jharkhand	Ranchi	2,69,45,829
12	Karnataka	ataka Banglore	
13	Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	3,18,41,374
14	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	6,03,48,023
15	Maharashira	Mumbai	9,68,78,627
16	Manipur	Imphal	21,66,788
17	Meghalaya	Shillong	23,18,822
18	Mizoram	Aizawi	8,88,573

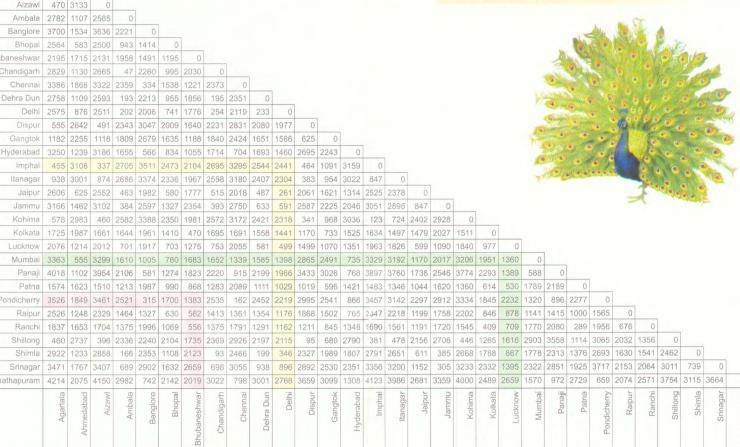
19	Nagaland	Kohima	19,90,036
20	Orissa	Bhubaneshwar	3,68,04,660
21	Punjab	Chandigarh	2,43,58,999
22	Rajasthan	Jaipur	5,65,07,188
23	Sikkim	Gangtok	5,40,851
24	Tamilnadu	Chennai	6,24,05,079
25	Tripura	Agartala	31,99,203
26	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	16,61,97,921
27	Uttaranchal	Dehradun	84,89,349
28	West Bengal	Kolkota	8,01,76,197

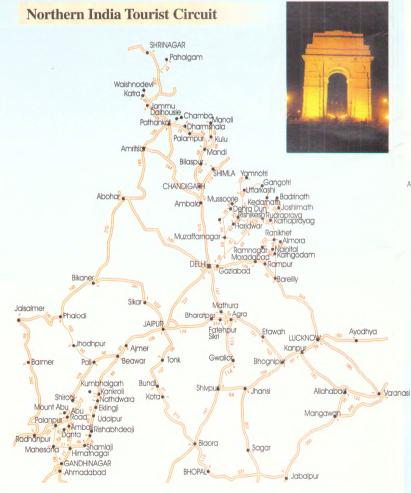
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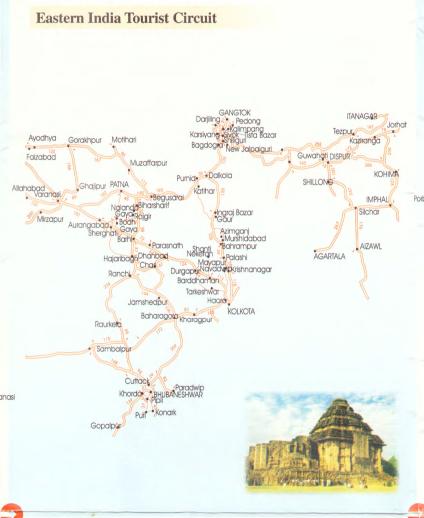
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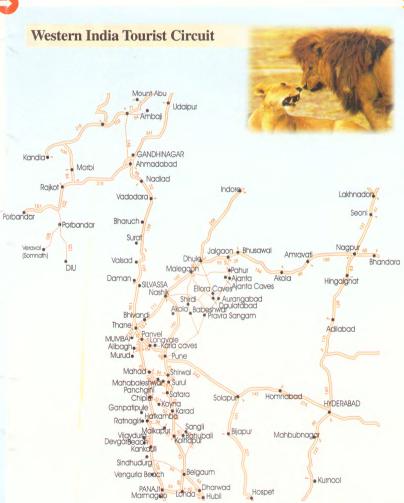
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01	Andaman & Nicobar Island	Port Blair	3,56,152
02	Chandigarh	Chandigarh	9,00,635
03	Dadra & Nagar haveli	Silvassa	2,20,490
04	Daman & Diu	Daman	1,58,204
05	Lakshadweep	Kavaratti	60,650
06	Pondicherry	Pondicherry	9.74.345

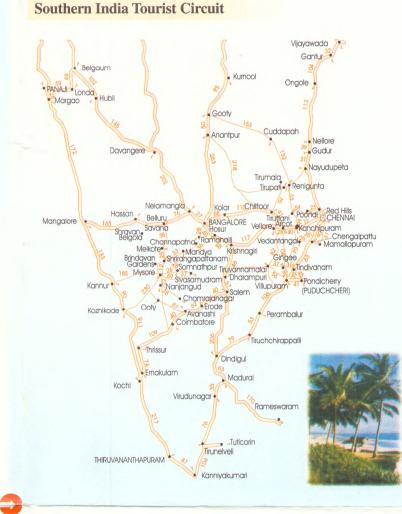
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Pooram	Durgapuja		Rath Yatra Tarneta
estival	Date/Month	Region	Description
he Great Elephant March	January	Kerala	Elephants are taken out in a procession boat races on the backwaters and culturevents lend colour to the festivities.
ongal	January	Tamil Nadu	A harvest festival when flavoured rice is offered to the Sun God as thanksgiving. Cattle races enliven the countryside.
ttarayan	January 13-15	Ahmedabad,	Kite flying festival. Kites of all shapes soar Gujarat into the sky on this day. International Kite flying festival is held normally in these days. Special Gujarati cuisine, exhibitions of handicrafts and to add to the excitement.
ikaner Festival	January	Bikaner, Rajasthan	Dedicated to the 'ship of the desert', the festival starts off with a procession of ca followed by dance and music competitio
epublic Day	26-Jan	Delhi and	To commemorate India turning a republithe state capitals country shows off its military strangth in a splendid parade, followed by folk dances and flotillas fron various states.
I-uI-Fitr	January	All over India	The festival marks the end of Ramzan - Muslim month of fasting. Prayers, family reunions and feasts are the major highli
temational Yoga Week	February	Rishikesh, Uttaranchal	Lectures and demonstration of various asanas by prominent yoga masters are major highlights of this week-long event.
esert Festival	February	Jaisalmer, Rajasthan	Camel rides, turban-tying competition, a Desert Contest and folk dances are held the sand dunes.
agaur Fair	February	Nagaur, Rajasthan	A busy cattle fair with exciting games an camel races.
urajkund Crafts Mela	February 1-15	Surajkund Haryana	Artisans display the rich craft tradition of India. Cultural programmes and rural cu are part of this colourful 15-day fair.
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April	All over India	boats goes around the lake. The Jains observe the birth anniversary of
		Lord Mahavira, the founder of Jainism, with special prayers.
April	All over India	The Hindus celebrate the birth anniversary Lord Rama as Ramanavami. The epic Ramayana' is read for 8 days preceding the festival.
May	Thrissur	A procession of beautifully caparisoned Kerala elephants is taken out, ending with a dazzling display of fireworks.
May	Ajmer Rajasthan	Held at the dargah of the Sufi Saint Khwaja Moinuddin Chisti, it commemorates his
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in mosques, grand feasts and lots of sweets

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The Hindu New Year is celebrated in Punjab as the day Guru Gobind Singh founded the Khalse (martial arm of the Sikh community).

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Rajasthan war between elephants and men are all of this spectacular event.

All over India This Muslim festival is celebrated with prayers

Maharashtra perfect backdrop for this festival of dance and

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India Fasts and prayers mark this day when Shiva



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Nehru Trophy Boat Race	August	Kerala
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Ganesh Chaturthi	September	Mahara Gujarat Tamil N A. P. Karnata
Tarnetar Mela	September	Sauras
Ganesh Festival	September	Pune Mahara
Onam	September	Kerala
Gandhi Jayanti	02-Oct	All over
Marwar Festival	October	Marwai Rajasth

International Flower Festival	May	Gangtok Sikkim	A rare show of exotic flowers, orchids and other plants native to Sikkim. River rafting and a vak safari are added attractions.
Amamath Yatra	July	Jammu & Kashmir	Thousands of pilgrims trek to Amarnath cave to worship the self developed sacred ice lingam - the phallic manifestation Shiva.
Rath Yatra	July	Puri Orissa	This spectacular chariot festival is held at the famous Jagannath temple. Images of Jagannath, his sister Subhadra and brother Balbhadra are taken through the streets in three chariots.
Janmashtami	August	All over India	This festival marks the birth of Lord Krishna. In Maharashtra, earthen pots of curd and butter are hung high up over the streets and then broken by forming human pyramids.
Teej	August	Rajasthan	This swing festival welcomes the advent of the monsoon. Women wearing colourful clothes take turn on the swing and sing songs
Nehru Trophy Boat Race	August	Kerala	Long elegant snakeboats cared by enthusiastic men vie with each other to win the trophy.
Independence Day	15-Aug	All over India	This was the day India attained Independence. The Prime Minister hoists the national flag at the Red Fort in New Delhi.
Raksha Bandhan	August	North India	Brothers and sisters reaffirm their bonds of affection. Sisters the colourful rakhis (traditionally, a thread) on the brothers' wrists who in turn promise to protect their sisters.
Nag Panchami	August	West Bengal Maharashtra and S. India	Snakes are worshiped on this day.
Ganesh Chaturthi	September	Maharashtra Gujarat Tamil Nadu A. P. Karnataka	Images of the the elephant-headed god Ganesha are worshipped for 10 days. On the last day these are taken out in procession to be immersed in flowing water.
Tarnetar Mela	September	Saurashtra	A local traditional fair which exhibits traditional costumes and jewellery. Colourful Umbrellas are the speciality of the fair.
Ganesh Festival	September	Pune Maharashtra	Dedicated to Lord Ganesha, folk dances, music and film festival make up this event.
Onam	September	Kerala	This festival honours the asura king Mahabali. Homes are decorated with flowers and boat races held on the backwaters.
Gandhi Jayanti	02-Oct	All over India	The country's leaders pay homage at Raj Ghat - the samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi - on his birth anniversary.
Marwar Festival	October	Marwar Rajasthan	The festival brings alive the 'Maand' style of folk music - a classical style that describes the romantic life of Rajasthan's rulers.

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			Ravana are set alight. In the south, houses are decorated with dolls. Eastern India worships Goddess Durga and the West has non-stop garba and dandiya (traditional dances) for 9 nights.
n	October	All over India	To commemorate the martyrdom of Prophet Mohammed's grandsons Hassan and Hussein, tazias (glittering replicas of the martyrs' tombs) are taken through the streets.
	October	All over India	Hindu New year celebrated through out India. The festival of lights celebrates the return of Lord Rama to Ayodhya after a 14-year exile. It is marked by the lighting of lamps, fireworks, prayers to goddess Laxmi and exchange of sweets.
Festival	November	Lucknow U. P.	This 10-day long festival is marked by colourful processions, Kathak dances and sitar recitals coupled with ghazals, qawwalis and thumri.
Mela	November	Sonepur Bihar	Asia's biggest cattle fair is held on the banks of river Ganga. Cattle decorated for the occasion throng the venue.
Mela	November	Pushkar Rajasthan	A spectacular fair when devotees take a ritual dip in the lake and worship at the Brahma temple.
nk Jayanti	November	North India	The birth anniversary of Guru Nanak - the 1st guru of the Sikhs - is marked by recitation of the Guru Granth Sahib in gurudwaras.
S	25-Dec	All over India	Cities get into party mood with the usual carol singing, late nights and exchange of gifts.
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Lord Rama, Dussehra symbolizes the triumph



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